

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph that begins on page 8, line 15, as follows:

The endophyte cultures were deposited with the Australian Government Analytical Laboratories (AGAL), New South Wales Regional Laboratory, 1, Suakin Street Pymble NSW 2073, Australia, on October 2, 2002, under the terms of the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure. They were assigned the following ~~The~~ ~~accession numbers are:~~ NM02/31935 (AR512); NM02/31936 (AR513); NM02/31937 (AR514); NM02/31938 (AR517); NM02/31939 (AR521); NM02/31940 (AR522); NM02/31941 (AR524); NM02/31942 (AR525); NM02/31943 (AR535); and NM02/31944 (AR539); ~~deposited on 2 October 2002.~~ All strains of endophyte of this invention are accommodates within a single sub-grouping of the species *Neotyphodium coenophialum*. The isolates, when grown on potato dextrose agar at 22°C, are slow-growing (radial growth approximately 0.1 - 0.3 mm per day) with colonies typically white and cottony. Conidia have been observed at variable rates of production near the margins.